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SUBJECT: LIBYAN PASSPORT PROBLEM: QUESTION OF DEPENDENTS

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1. CONSOFF HAS BEEN IN DAILY TOUCH WITH MFA'S ACTING CHIEF OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS ORFANLI ABOUT OUR REQUEST THAT MFA INSTRUCT LIBYAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON THAT DEPENDENTS OF OIL COMPANY EMPLOYEES HAVE SAME STATUS AS THEIR PRINCIPALS (REFTEL, PARA 4). ORFANLI SAID HE FOUND CIRCULAR INSTRUCTION SENT OUT EARLIER (TRIPOLI 0938) AND WASHINGTON SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED IT. HE ACKNOWLEDGED HOWEVER THAT AS SENT THE INSTRUCTION WAS SILENT ON WHETHER DEPENDENTS ARE INCLUDED WITH PRINCIPALS. WE HAVE THEREFORE ASKED HIM NOT ONLY TO REPEAT THE INSTRUCTION TO WASHINGTON BUT MAKE CLEAR IT COVERS DEPENDENTS. ORFANLI'S LATEST REPLY, AUG 1, IS NON-COMMITTAL AS THE MATTER IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION", THOUGH HE PROMISES A DECISION BY AUG 5.

2. ON BASIS HIS TALKS WITH ORFANLI LAST FEW DAYS, CONS OFF SKEPTICAL OF RESULTS HIS EFFORTS AND SUSPECTS WE BEING PUT OFF, THOUGH IT POSSIBLY TRUE MFA "DISCUSSIONS ARE GOING ON TOO. MEANWHILE ANOTHER AMERICAN DEPENDENT OF OIL COMPANY EMPLOYEE (KOMIN OF OXY) WAS EXCLUDED AT TIA JULY 30, APPARENTLY ON BASIS OF RULING ON THE SPOT BY CAPT. SHUAYB -- THOUGH OTHER AMERICANS

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IN SIMILAR STATUS ADMITTED FROM SAME PLANE. (KOMIN

DOES NOT WANT EMBASSY MAKE REPRESENTATIONS).

3. AS OIL COMPANY MANAGERS HERE KNOW, ONE SOLUTION TO THE VISA SIDE OF PROBLEM OF DEPENDENTS IS TO APPLY ELSEWHERE THAN AT WASHINGTON, ESPECIALLY AT ROME. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE CONCERNED AT POSSIBILITY SOME NEW "SLICING AT U.S." MAY TAKE PLACE IN THIS AREA AND WILL PURSUE OUR EFFORTS HERE, FIRST WITH MFA AND THEN WITH IMMIGRATION IF POSSIBLE. BELIEVE THAT MEANWHILE WE SHOULD DELAY VISAS TO AT LEAST AS MANY LIBYAN DEPENDENTS AS LARG EMBASSY WASHINGTON IS HOLDING UP ON OUR SIDE. DOES DEPT HAVE A COUNT OF THE NUMBERS INVOLVED? COULD DEPT USEFULLY INDICATE TO LARG EMBASSY THE RISKS IT IS INCURRING FOR LIBYAN FAMILIES?
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